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HEARINGS ON INTERNATIONAL CENTER START MARCH 25

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee has set March 25 for hearings to begin on the controversial International Center complex proposed for the area north of Pennsylvania Avenue to O Street, N.W., and east of Rock Creek to New Hampshire Avenue and 21st Street.

Members of the recently reactivated Lincoln Civic Association representing citizens of the affected area have asked to testify on the proposal at the hearings. They voted last month to support the Center ONLY if adequate provisions are made for residential facilities, relocation of displaced families within the same general area and carefully controlled land use to insure a balanced community.

"We want to be good hosts to the representatives of foreign governments, and we understand the need to find a place for them," explained Miss Pat Patterson, president of the Lincoln group.

"But we think this can and should be done while preserving the community nature of the area. We feel it should be a people-oriented development rather than another vast complex of sterile buildings like the Federal triangle which is abandoned after 5 p.m. and provides no residential facilities or cultural life."

Preparations for presenting these arguments at the hearings will be made at the next meeting of the Lincoln Civic Association on Monday, March 21, at 8 p.m. in the facilities of the Community of Christ Lutheran Church at 2107 N Street, N.W.

—Ruth Schumm

FBA ACTS ON JETS, HOME-RULE, INTERNATIONAL CENTER

Three resolutions on civic affairs were approved by the Foggy Bottom Association at its February 28 meeting.

The first involved the proposal for use of jet aircraft at National Airport. The Association agreed to request the District Commissioners, the Federal Aviation Agency and the Congress to hold hearings and public tests on the matter of noise resulting from the jets.

The Association also reiterated its support of Home Rule for the District of Columbia along the lines of the Administration's proposal and stated its

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Next meeting: Monday, March 28th at 8 p.m.

Pillsbury Hall of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 2nd floor,
2430 K Street, N.W.

Speaker: Neil R. Greene

Topic: The Making of a New Community in D. C., Told
by a Participant

MARCH SPEAKER TO DESCRIBE COMMUNITY-BUILDING EXPERIENCES

Mr. Neil R. Greene, speaker at the March 28 FBA meeting, is a practicing architect with his degree from the University of Pennsylvania. He is a partner in the firm of Montgomery, Greene Associates, Architects, is executive director of the Thornton Society of Washington, a historic preservation group, served on the board of the River Park Cooperative Apartment, is a past member of the Southwest Assembly and a delegate to the Southwest Community Council.

He, his wife and two children live at 394 N Street, S.W. where all traces of community had been bulldozed onto the dump before their arrival; new apartment houses and single family houses had been constructed and people had moved into them, but good construction and plumbing and even good architecture do not make a community any more than a house makes a home; it is the people in it who do that. Mr. Greene will give us some of the story of how an impersonal, new area is becoming more and more a community--because the people who live there, like Mr. Greene himself, want it that way.

—Burton T. Wilson

support for "all positive and legitimate efforts to obtain Home Rule."

The third resolution supported the proposed International Center provided the heterogeneity of the residential neighborhood be retained to the maximum extent possible.

Also at the meeting Police Lieutenant R. R. Callow of the Third Precinct informed the Association of a proposed Citizens' Traffic Safety Planning Conference to be held May 11.

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VIEWS FROM THE COPY DESK

This month the Foggy Bottom News takes on a new printer (and vice versa). Our typesetter is now the Capitol Composition Company of 914 20th Street, and the photo-offset printing is the work of McArdle Printing Company, 2319 M Street. The change will mean greater convenience in preparing the News and more flexibility in its appearance.

For many moons, the News has been printed by International Business Services, now of Arlington, at a considerable break in costs--thanks to the composition work of former editor Pat Patterson of Eye Street. In parting company with IBS, it's high time the News paid public tribute to Pat for his usually unsung, always arduous efforts on behalf of the paper and the Association. Pat has been a tremendous help--and this beleaguered editor, for one, won't forget it.

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We Get Letters . . .

Even though none have been printed lately, the Foggy Bottom Association and the News do get letters. One recently came from Monsignor Denges, Pastor of St. Stephen's Church, thanking the Association for its donation of \$20 for use of the church hall for the recent Mardi Gras. Adds the Monsignor: "God bless all of you!"

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Another kind of note the News likes to get came from Leon W. Dupuy of Potomac Plaza, along with his payment for a classified "apartment-for-sale" ad in the February issue. "We sold the property promptly," says Mr. Dupuy, "and since then have had 12 or 15 calls. The response was truly quite gratifying." So was yours, Sir, so was yours.

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The January dues notices brought some varied and interesting responses. The State Department's Holsey G. Handyside writes from abroad: "Always interested, but this is the first letter from the FBA to find its way across the Atlantic!" Not so, Mr. H; the Foggy Bottom News circles the globe--more or less.

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Writes Mr. William D. Collins, who has recently relocated temporarily to 2131 O Street: "Since I seem to be no longer a resident of Foggy Bottom, and with age about 90 years and four months not likely to be a resident on this earth anywhere very long, I am using the envelope and stamp provided by your office to suggest that you get my name off your mailing list as promptly as possible."

We've ignored Mr. Collins' suggestion and instead have added him to the News mailing list free of charge. And we hope to keep him on it for years to come.

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Julia Hoyt Hull also wrote to tell us that she had moved--from the Channel House to 2121 Virginia Avenue. But because she's still so close by and had such kind words about the News ("I enjoyed it very much. I felt my dues at least partly paid for your paper."), we've also added her to the mailing list.

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THE BIG SNOWFALL IN RETROSPECT: CITY AND CITIZENS SHIRK WORK

The storm that swept in at the end of January proved to be a great inconvenience to both motorists and pedestrians. Because of the unnecessary disruption of travel and service, Washington has reason to pause and see wherein the fault lies. Beyond the lack of organization and equipment, there are attitudes that need to be explored.

It dramatically demonstrated that the City is oriented toward the convenience of the suburbanite commuter. Primary concern was for getting him in and out of the District quickly and at a minimum delay in his schedule. Full use of men and equipment was engaged in this operation and the problems of those who live here were of very secondary consideration. To illustrate, "M" Street in Georgetown was completely cleared of snow to facilitate traffic to Key Bridge while much of the inner city waited. 25th Street between Eye and K was not open to even emergency equipment until commuter lines were fully cleared.

It is hoped that somewhere along the way, a greater interest in the welfare of the city residents will be developed. At the same time, it must be pointed out that many of the home owners in Foggy Bottom have not faced up to their community responsibility. The District law clearly specifies that each land owner or renter is responsible for the sidewalk in front of his property. It is regretted that many cleared only a minimum path and some showed no consideration whatsoever for their neighbors.

Those who are physically unable to remove snow and ice have an obligation to make some arrangement for it to be done for them. For the others, there is no excuse for the neglect shown. Really, we can find little fault with the City until we have met our own obligations to it, especially in an emergency such as this storm produced.

Looking to the broad aspects of community appearance and service in which all of us have a very real stake, we have an obligation for yards and sidewalks. With this done we can insist that the administration give better attention to the needs of those who live here.

—Walter S. Boardman

TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT RESPONDS QUICKLY TO TWO COMPLAINTS

For those who sometimes have doubts, Burton Wilson offers reassurance that the City does respond to citizens' complaints. He cites the problem of parking violations--cars too close to the intersection--on 24th Street at H despite police ticketing.

A call to the District Traffic Engineering Operations office brought forth first an inspector and then some "well-placed signs." Now the illegal parking is no more and the intersection is no longer such a traffic hazard.

Still doubting? William Paul of the D&W Market, 1001 26th Street, has had a letter taped onto a store shelf for all to see. It's from Highway Department Director Tom Airis, answering his request for additional lights along 26th Street.

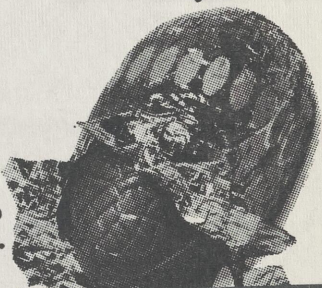
After investigation, Mr. Airis agreed "that the lighting is far below the standards approved for residential streets" and has arranged for brighter bulbs and added lights this spring--even though better lighting for this part of town isn't scheduled until the next fiscal year.

To quote Mr. Paul's pleased reaction: "Who says nobody gives a hoot?"

Barton's Easter rolling eggs don't roll very far.



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Part II - Continued from the February Issue

HOW THE FOGGY BOTTOM NEWS GOT STARTED

Some Notes on its Eighth Anniversary
By Charley Rogers -Illustrated by Shirley Kennard

Shirley Kennard, then a resident of Eye Street with her husband Hunter (both are architects) joined our staff as Art Editor and her work first appeared in our March 1958 issue. As an undergraduate student of architecture Shirley did cartoons for the Cornell Widow. She could do fast, imaginative, and often amusing illustrations for our stories. A fire at the Alamac Apartments, then under construction, destroyed 138 toilet seats stored in the sub-basement, and 30 firemen were felled by the fumes. To illustrate the story Shirley drew a nostalgic "Chic Sale" with antenna on the slanting roof for TV in place of the old Sears catalog.

For another story, about an illustrious son of Foggy Bottom, Eddie Folliard, Shirley did a picture of Eddie's hat, and a card inserted in the rim read PRESS. Beside the hat lay a pipe, a notebook, and a pencil. A story about another newsman, the late Fred Othman (who lived at the then new Potomac Plaza), showed an amusing illustration of Fred's proper and alert poodle, Emma, sitting in front of a typewriter, typing, her machine supported on a plush cushion.

A picture of a four-poster bed topped a story about the old Robert Peter house on K street, headed "George Washington Slept Here." The Peter house

has since been razed to make way for the K Street freeway extension. George Washington was a kinsman of Robert Peter, a pioneer merchant of Georgetown, and probably did often sleep in the historic house.

Soon we picked up correspondents for several different areas and specialists. GW was covered by "Georgia" (I forget her real name), and Rhea Radin, who then lived on Eye Street and worked for Woodward and Norris realtors,--she sold most of the little houses in the village--contributed bits now and then. One was a poem of sorts which, with illustrations by Shirley, took up all of the first page of the May 1958 issue. Shirley's sketches represented Foggy Bottom more or less as if it were the Left Bank of the Seine in Paris, where Rhea spent some of her formative years. "Sophisticated Village" was the title of the verse.

In that same issue we picked up a Church Editor, Katherine Brooks of Upper Eye Street (beyond 23rd Street), a former reporter on the Washington Star. Foggy Bottom Pets fell to Priscilla Johnson, known



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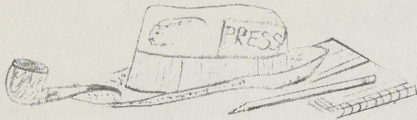
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generally as "Pip." She doesn't live in Foggy Bottom now but she still helps Foggy Bottom residents with interior decoration, which is her occupation.

Daniel White Hicky, a poet of recognized eminence and a friend of the editor, began contributing poems to our paper, some of which Shirley illustrated. Hicky's first poem appeared in the News in the June 1958 issue. It was "Now the Young Dappled Fawn."

Velva Rudd, then a resident of Hughes Mews, became our Garden Editor. Her first contribution was in October 1959. A Ph.D. in botany and a member of the Smithsonian staff, her articles were authoritative. She had a beautiful garden in her own patio.

Margaret F. McKiever a resident of the new Potomac Plaza, covered that apartment for us. It was our first new high rise. Morella Hansen of Eye Street furnished items from her block and many others, for she used to walk her dog all over Foggy Bottom. Melita Rodeck did items on architecture for us. She had just restored Foggy Bottom's own

Octagon House at the corner of H and 25th Streets, which is her home. A native of Austria, Melita was educated in both music and architecture in Italy, and became proficient in both. She is a practicing architect.

Today Foggy Bottom has a new kind of charm, with its towering high rise apartments intermingled with the original little houses which the pioneers renovated. Some like it better than ever, others move away, as we plan to do in the spring. We shall miss our many dear neighbors in Foggy Bottom and our snug home in Hughes Mews, with its "Tea House of the August Moon" patio designed by Shirley Kennard, its charming third floor retreat which commands a view of the Potomac and the Virginia shore despite highrise intrusions all around. We hope our successors are kind to it.

WHAT? AGAIN?

As reported in the February FB News, the D. C. Zoning Commission denied an application for high-rise zoning for two lots at 25th and H Streets. The denial was on February 2. A prior application had been denied in December 1965. Notwithstanding these two denials, the owners came right back and filed again on February 11. After Mr. Ned Minor reiterated the Association's opposition, the application was again denied without hearing.

Well, as District Affairs Chairman Alling Brown says, "Eternal vigilance is the price of opposing high rise zoning."

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St. Stephen Martyr (Catholic)
25th and Pennsylvania

Palm Sunday--Masses: 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12:10. Solemn Blessing of Palms and Solemn Mass 12:55. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday--Masses: 6:30, 7:30 a.m., 12:10, 5:45 p.m. Holy Thursday--Masses: 7 a.m., 5:20 p.m. Solemn Mass and Procession 6:30 p.m. Adoration at Respository 7:30 p.m. until midnight. Good Friday--Adoration at the Respository 7 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. Service of the Word noon to 1 p.m., 2 to 3 p.m. Solemn Liturgy and Communion 6:30 p.m. Holy Saturday--10:45 p.m. Easter Vigil and Solemn Mass at midnight. Easter Sunday--Low Masses: 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12:10, 12:55. Solemn Mass 11 a.m. Rosary and Benediction 5 p.m. Confessions--Wednesday 5 to 6; 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday 4 to 6; 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Concordia United Church of Christ
20th and G Streets

Palm Sunday--German Services 9 a.m. Confirmation Reunion 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday--Service of

Holy Communion 8 p.m. Good Friday--Three hour service at 19th Street Baptist Church, 19th and Eye Streets noon to 3 p.m. Worship Service in German, Holy Communion 8 p.m. Easter Sunday--Holy Communion, "The Power of the Resurrection" 11 a.m.

St. Paul's (Episcopal)
2430 K Street

Palm Sunday--Matins 7:15, Masses 7:30, 9, 11:15. Blessing and distribution of palms at all Masses. Solemn Evensong, Stations of the Cross and Benediction 8 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday--Masses 6, 7, 9:30, 12. Wednesday Tenebrae 8:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday--Masses 6, 7, 9:30, 12. High Mass 6:15 p.m. Watch before the Blessed Sacrament from 7:15 p.m. Good Friday--Liturgy of the Word 7 a.m.

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Union Methodist
814 - 20th Street

Palm Sunday--Worship 9:30, 11 a.m. Maundy Thursday--Holy Communion 7:30 p.m. Good Friday--Three Hours Devotions, an Ecumenical Service in 19th Street Baptist Church, noon to 3 p.m. Easter Sunday--Worship 9:30, 11 a.m.

The Church of the Pilgrims (Presbyterian)
22nd and P Streets

Palm Sunday--Dr. James H. Robinson, Executive Director of Operation Crossroads Africa, New York City, preaching on over-all theme "Alternative to Anxiety." 11 a.m. sermon title, "The Anxieties of Men and the Promises of God." 7 p.m. title, "Adventure--Alternative to Conformity" Monday--8 p.m. title, "The Greatest is Love--the Worst is Indifference" Tuesday--8 p.m. title, "Faith Beyond Doubt" Maundy Thursday--8 p.m. Communion Service led by the ministers. Good Friday--noon to 3 p.m. "The Seven Last Words" led by the ministers. Easter Sunday--7 a.m. Sunrise service on back lawn of the Church. 9 and 11 a.m. identical services.

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The public would submit suggested methods of improving traffic safety to be incorporated in an Action Program for 1966. The ultimate objective of this program is to gain the personal involvement and participation of all citizens at the neighborhood level throughout the District. Organizations and individuals will be invited to present their views.

The Conference Panel will consist of one citizen representing each police precinct, plus various District officials. Interested persons in the Third Precinct--probably through the Crime Council--will select one representative plus an alternate to serve on the Panel. Mr. William Simon will be FBA's representative at the preliminary precinct meeting.

SPRING FEVERISH? HIKE!

Bottomites who qualify for that title by their usual sedentary position as well as by their residence may be interested in spring plans of the Capital Hiking Club. The Group's Sunday outings will include Prince William Forest Park, Va., April 3; "a spring caper" on Easter Sunday at Seneca, Md.; an eight mile hike

in the Harper's Ferry area April 17 and some flower sniffing April 24 along Sugar Land Run, Va.

Transportation is provided to the hike area and expenses are nominal. Anyone wanting more information can call Bettyanne Rusen at 337-8963.

FBA CHAMBER MUSIC GROUP PRESENTS LIVELY PROGRAM

In spite of rain and puddles the size of small swimming pools an enthusiastic and appreciative audience heard the sixth annual program of the Foggy Bottom Chamber Music Group on February 28. There were students from the Music School of George Washington University and from D.C. Teachers' College in addition to the usual visitors when music is programed, and our own members were there in force.

Foggy Bottom's Charlotte Eisler, harpsichord provided the charming background and accompaniment to Joel Wheeler, recorder and Allen Dittman, flute. A pleasant duet by Wheeler and Dittman--Sonata for Flute and Recorder--was the last composition before the intermission. Following this came three trio sonatas by Loeillet, Prowo and Telemann which nicely balanced the two trio sonatas before intermission.

The presentation of this music, so seldom heard played on the instruments for which it was written, was a delight to the listeners and their appreciation was made clear at the end of the program by the hearty applause.

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